(SRI B. D. JATTI)

(*d*)—

The ore reserves of the Mines as at 31st March 1958 are given below:—

Payable Ore Reserves	Dwt. per ton	Gold Ounces	Estimated low grade ore	Dwt. per ton	Gold Ounces
2,006,462	9.64	967,115	2,054,253	3.59	368,738

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Re : **Closure of 54 branches of Pir Bidi Factory at Mysore.**

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Sri Srinivas Shetty. It relates to the illegal closure of 54 branches of the Pir Bidi Factory at Mysore.

Sri Mallaradhya also has sent notice of a similar motion.

†SRI T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—Sir, there is one Bidi Factory by name Pir Bidi Factory in Mysore. In 56 branches workers were engaged on piece work or contract basis where the minimum wage by means of an agreement was fixed at Rs. 1-14-0 per thousand bidis, recently by the Conciliation Officer there. At the time when there was trouble a few months back the Pir Bidi Factory owner said that he would not pay this amount, that these 56 branches were not his that they were doing work on contract or on piece work basis and that since the bidi workers were not working in the factory they were not entitled to get the benefit of the agreement. He persisted in refusing to grant them this facility and he closed all those 56 branches, closed in the sense that he refused to take the bidis manufactured by these workers and they were virtually closed by 11th April 1959. Negotiations were conducted between the labourers and the management of the Pir Bidi Factory. The Conciliation Officer tried his best with the assistance and help of the Deputy Commissioner of the place, but the management would not yield. The President of the Association one Sri Aziz Sait began his fast and he was on fast for six continuous days. Subsequently, because of the efforts of the Labour Officers and the Deputy Commissioner the matter has heen settled and the Pir Bidi Factory has agreed to purchase all the bidis manufactured in those 56 branches. The lock-out has ended, work has begun and all the 1300 workers have resumed work. Sri Aziz Sait, I am told, has given up his fast cansequent upon the agreement.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—When?

SRI T. SUBRAMANYA.—On the 25th night I got information and I think he must have broken his fast on the 25th night a itself. I have got information that he has broken his fast. This is the situation and I think there is no necessity to press this adjournment motion.

SRI V. SRINIVAS SHETTY (Coondapur).—In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister I do not press the motion.

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Motion to consider—(contd.)

SRI J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—I would like to invite the attention of the Minister to the wordings in clause 130,